pective areas, rests with the Governments of States/Union Territories. Checking up of fair price shops is a continuous process The Central Government has advised the Governments of States/Union Territories to tighten their inspection and enforcement machinery to ensure the proper functioning of fair price shops. Inspections by various officers/officials are monitored and reviewed at the local/district level However senior Central Government Officers pay periodical field visits to States/UTs for an on the spot assessment of the functioning of the Public Distribution System. Shortcomings noticed during such visits in the functioning of the Public Distribution System, are brought to the notice of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for appropriate remedial action.

Reserve Stock of Fodder

1429. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fodder in the reserve stock available with Government;

(b) the details of the short-fall resulting from the recent drought; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c)The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha

External Assistance for Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant

1430. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state how much external assistance is likely to be obtained for implementing the modernisation programmes for Rourkela Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M L FOTEDAR):— The quantum of external assistance that may be available for the modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant would be known after the Detailed Project Report has been prepared and decisions taken on the source of procurement of equipment for the project

Scheme to prevent shifting cultivation

1431 SHRI GAENESHWAR KUSUM. Will the Minster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Orissa which are affected by the shifting cultivaion;

(b) whether Government have introduced any scheme to prevent shifting cultivation;

(c) if so, whether such a scheme has been introduced in Orissa;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any scheme has been submitted by the Government of Orissa to control shifting cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Task Force on "Shifting Cultivation in India" set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has reported (1983) that shifting cultivation is prevalent in Koraput, Ganjam, Sundergarh, Keonjhar, Phulbani, Kalahandi and Sambalpur districts of Orissa

(b) Yes, Sir. A scheme for control of shifing cultivation with 100 per cent special Central assistance has been introduced from the current year in 9 States (Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur,